

embodiment, as illustrated in FIG. 4(b), the first part 11 is movable upward relative to the second part 12. As a result, the upper edge portion 2a of the cup section 2 moves toward the skin side and extends along the upper portion of the breast, thereby allowing for suppressing that the upper edge portion 2a of the cup section 2 is not in contact with the breast.

[0049] When a size of the breast is larger than a size of the cup and if the cup section 2 and the pad section 6 are fixed to each other as in the conventional garment provided with cup sections 1, as illustrated in FIG. 5(a), the breast may not fully fit in the cup section 2 and the upper edge portion 2a of the cup section 2 may bite into the upper portion of the breast. Contrary to this, in the garment provided with cup sections 1 according to the present embodiment, as illustrated in FIG. 5(b), the first part 11 is movable forward relative to the second part 12. This allows for fitting the breast with a large volume into the cup section 2. The first part 11 can further move upward relative to the second part 12. This can also suppress the upper edge portion 2a of the cup section 2 from biting into the upper portion of the breast.

[0050] Moreover in the garment provided with cup sections 1, the front center of the front side base section 13 and the front center of the skin side base section 14 are connected to each other. This allows for enhancing stability of the breasts without deteriorating size applicability or plasticity. Also, in the garment provided with cup sections 1, the upper edge portion 6a of the pad section 6, and the upper edge portion 2a and the side edge portion 2b of the cup section 2 are connected by the connecting member 15 having elasticity. This allows for further enhancing stability of the breasts. Using an elastic member as the connecting member 15 also allows for avoiding inhibiting movement of the first part 11 relative to the second part 12.

[0051] Moreover, the garment provided with cup sections 1 is provided with the back portion 4 at the side portion 14a of the skin side base section 14 and is provided with the strap section 5 in such a manner as to connect the upper edge portion 2a of the cup section 2 and the back portion 4. Such a configuration allows the pulling force applied from the strap section 5 upon wearing to act on the cup section 2, thereby allowing for generating movement of the first part 11 relative to the second part 12. The action of the pulling force from the strap section 5 on the cup section 2 is especially preferable for suppressing that the upper edge portion 2a of the cup section 2 is not in contact with the breast when a size of the breast is smaller than a size of the cup.

[0052] Furthermore, in the garment provided with cup sections 1, the underwire section 7 is arranged along the lower edge portion 6b of the pad section 6. Arranging the underwire section 7 on the pad section 6 side allows for thinly fitting the underwire section 7 to the lower end of the breast. Therefore, the plasticity function for the breasts in the second part 12 can be further enhanced.

[0053] Hereinafter, a result of an effect confirmation test regarding size applicability of the garment provided with cup sections of the present invention will be described.

[0054] In this test, subjects of different breast sizes worn a sample of a garment provided with cup sections of an example and a sample of a garment provided with cup sections of a comparative example and subjective evaluations as to cup sections of which sample fitted to the breasts were collected. As the garment provided with cup sections

of the example, one with a configuration where a first part is movable relative to a second part like in the above embodiment was prepared. As the garment provided with cup sections of the comparative example, one with a configuration where a cup section and a pad section are fixed to each other like in the conventional art were prepared.

[0055] The subjects included three subjects having a breast size of B70, three subjects having a breast size of C70, and three subjects having a breast size of D70. The size of the sample of the garment provided with cup sections of the example prepared included C70 only while the size of the sample of the garment provided with cup sections of the comparative example prepared included three sizes of B70, C70, and D70. The subjects of each breast size worn each of the samples of the example and the comparative example and then selected one of the samples cup sections of which fit the breasts better. The case where more than two out of three subjects selected the example is rated as A. The case where one out of three subjects selected the example is rated as B. The case where all of three subjects selected the comparative example is rated as C.

[0056] FIG. 6 is a diagram illustrating the result of the test. As illustrated in FIG. 6, with respect to the subjects of B70, C70, and D70, the case where all of the three subjects selected the comparative example does not exist. A result was obtained that the cup sections have fitness equivalent to or more than that of the comparative example. The example included only one size of C70 and thus this result confirmed that the garment provided with cup sections according to the present invention has size applicability over a plurality of size types.

[0057] The present invention is not limited to the aforementioned embodiments.

[0058] For example, in the above embodiment the upper edge portion 6a of the pad section 6, and the upper edge portion 2a and a side edge portion 2b of the cup section 2 are connected by the connecting member 15 having elasticity; however, the connecting member 15 may not be provided when movement of the first part 11 relative to the second part 12 is more focused on. On the other hand, when stability of the breasts is more focused on, the front side base section 13 and the skin side base section 14 may be connected by an elastic connecting member.

[0059] In this case, for example as illustrated in FIG. 7, a band-shaped connecting member 16 of a uniform width may be arranged in a horizontal direction below the cup sections 2 and the pad sections 6 between the front side base section 13 and the skin side base section 14. Alternatively, for example as illustrated in FIG. 8, a connecting member 17, corresponding to the shape of the front side base section 13 and the skin side base section 14 and where an upper hem thereof corresponds to the bent shape of the cup sections 2, may be arranged between the front side base section 13 and the skin side base section 14.

[0060] For coupling the connecting member 16 or 17, the front side base section 13, and the skin side base section 14 when a lace material is used for the front side base section 13, a lower hem side of the front side base section 13 may be positioned lower than a lower hem side of the skin side base section 14 and an upper hem side of the connecting member 16 or 17 may be sewn on the front side base section 13 while a lower hem side of the connecting member 16 or 17 may be sewn on the skin side base section 14 for example as illustrated in FIG. 9(a). Alternatively, for example as